

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CLAIBORNE

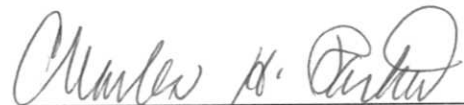
DECLARATION OF CHARLES PARKER

1. My name is Charles Parker. I am currently an inmate at David Wade Correctional Center in Homer, Louisiana.
2. From 1994 until November of 1995, I was an inmate at the Ouachita Parish Jail. I knew Jimmie Duncan since we were both put in protective custody and shared a cell during some of the time that I was there. I was in protective custody because I had previously been an informant for the FBI and other law enforcement agencies around the country. Jimmie was in protective custody because he was accused of killing a child.
3. Jimmie told me that the child he was accused of killing suffered from seizures. He said that on the morning that the child died he had gone to the store, leaving her in the bathtub. She must have had a seizure he said, because when he got back she was unconscious. He said that he when he found her he tried to give her CPR and that he called for help, and that she was taken to the hospital and died.
4. Jimmie and I talked a lot during the time we spent together at the jail. He always maintained the child's death was an accident.
5. In 1995, an investigator with the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Department named J. Via approached me about becoming an informant against Jimmie Duncan and other inmates. Via knew I had previously worked as an informant for federal and state law enforcement and he wanted me to gather information for the Sheriff's Department. Via spoke to me about Duncan alone in a small room on the fourth floor of the courthouse.
6. J. Via wanted me to be an informant against Jimmie Duncan. He said that I needed to get Jimmie to confess to me. He gave me details about the crime, saying that the child was less than two years and that she had been anally raped. He told me that when I came forward I was to say that Jimmie had confessed to biting the child while he was raping her. Via said that, if I did all this, he would talk to the DA and would get my sentence reduced. I did not know that the child had been raped or bitten until Via provided me with this information. I told Via what Jimmie had told me about the child's death being an accident. Via said "You can't say that." I told Via I would not falsely testify against Jimmie Duncan.
7. As a result of this conversation I wrote a letter to the DA's office telling them I had spoken to an investigator about the Jimmie Duncan case and wished to speak to someone in their office about the case. I wrote the letter because I wanted the DA to know that J. Via was attempting to solicit snitch testimony against Jimmie and I felt Jimmie was being railroaded. I put in the letter my past record of being

an informant for the FBI so that they would take me seriously and send someone to see me. No one from the DA's office ever contacted me.

8. I spoke to Via three or four times all together. Each time he spoke to me it was because he wanted me to be an informant and testify against other inmates. I refused each time. The last time we spoke, Via told me that since I wouldn't help him I would be on the next bus out of the jail and would be sent to prison to serve my sentence. Via made clear that if I did what he wanted, I could stay at the jail instead of going to prison and that I could get my sentence reduced. I still refused. Shortly after that, in ~~November~~^{OCTOBER} of 1995, I was transferred to Hunt Correctional and was later sent to Angola.
- 9 No one from Jimmie's defense team ever contacted or interviewed me, nor was I asked to testify. Had anyone contacted me, I would have provided them with this information and testified to the same.

The forgoing statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, belief, and understanding.



CHARLES H. PARKER

Date OCTOBER 17 2008

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